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SANBAG Receives \$9.2M Grant from State's Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program for Passenger Rail Project

Redlands Passenger Rail Project gets boost from Cap and Trade funds

SAN BERNARDINO – On Tuesday, the State of California announced that 14 projects throughout the State received a total of \$390M in TIRCP grant funds made possible through the State's Cap and Trade auction proceeds. Among the recipients is the San Bernardino Associated Governments' Redlands Passenger Rail Project that will provide passenger rail service between Redlands and San Bernardino, connecting to other transit options throughout Southern California.

"It is very exciting news to learn of the State of California including us in the list of TIRCP grant recipients," SANBAG President Robert Lovingood said. "These funds not only help us develop the appropriate funding for this much-needed transportation alternative, but they illustrate that the projects we are developing in the region are of a statewide significance."

The Redlands Passenger Rail Project is a nine-mile rail extension that offers a new commuting option while introducing an environmentally sustainable mode of transportation that creates reliable access to employment, education, recreation, cultural enrichment and health care centers. The new service will broaden and modernize California's rail connectivity in the Inland Empire by linking to the existing San Bernardino Transit Center (SBTC), a multi-modal hub currently serving five regional bus operators that provide transit access throughout the two counties of San Bernardino and Riverside, and continued connectivity to Orange and Los Angeles Counties.

Economically, the region will realize more near-term and long-term jobs through connectivity to employment centers and additional transit options. Access to the University of Redlands, California State University, San Bernardino, and Loma Linda University will be improved providing more residents a connection to higher education. The world-renowned Loma Linda Medical Center and veteran support services in both Loma Linda and San Bernardino increase in availability through this transportation enhancement as well.

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